

# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Mr. John Denning, President of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), has chosen to visit Pierre and address the South Dakota Retired Teachers Association Annual Convention; and,

WHEREAS, The American Association of Retired Persons is the largest membership association of persons 50 years and over; and,

WHEREAS, There are more than 72,000 members of AARP residing in South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, AARP volunteers in South Dakota are providing Tax Aide assistance to the elderly, defensive driving instruction through the 55 Alive/Mature Driving program, Health Advocacy Services, Citizen Representation Program, and Widowed Persons Service to the bereaved regardless of age; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakotans serve as AARP State Legislature Committee members and AARP VOTE members to educate and inform the general public where candidates stand on issues; and,

WHEREAS, The Worker Equity Initiative is served by volunteers to assist business and industry to prepare their older workers for retirement through training; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota currently has nine AARP Chapters committed to "Serve and Not to Be Served" and 22 Retired Teachers Association Units providing community service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby welcome John Denning, and offer the hospitality and support on behalf of the citizens of this state in gratitude for the volunteer service provided by the American Association of Retired Persons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Eighth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight.



ATTEST:

*Jon E. Bazeltine*  
JOE BAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE

*George S. Mickelson*  
GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR